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Maj. Gen. Verne Mudge
Senate Armed Services Committee
Washington, D. C.

Dear Verne:

I have compared S. Con. Res. 2, Senator Mansfield's resolution to establish a Joint Committee on Central Intelligence, with S. Con. Res. 69 which he introduced in the 83rd Congress in March 1954.

There is one major difference between these two resolutions. S. Con. Res. 2 establishes a Joint Committee to be composed of 12 members -- 6 each from the Senate and the House. Of the 6 members to be appointed from the Senate, 3 shall be members of the Central Intelligence Agency subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations and 3 shall be members of the Central Intelligence Agency subcommittee of the Committee on Armed Services. The 6 members from the House will also be drawn from the CIA subcommittees of the House Committees on Appropriations and Armed Services. S. Con. Res. 69, which Senator Mansfield introduced last year, merely provides for a Joint Committee of 10 members -- 5 to be appointed by the President of the Senate and 5 by the Speaker of the House. Senator Mansfield's first proposal, S. Con. Res. 42, which he introduced in July 1954, called for a committee of 18 members -- 9 from each house.

The remaining difference between the current resolution and its predecessors affects the payment for stenographic services, which in S. Con. Res. 69 of the 83rd Congress was to be not in excess of 25¢ per hundred words. The present resolution, S. Con. Res. 2, provides (page 3, line 2) that the cost of stenographic services to report public hearings shall not be in excess of the amounts prescribed by law for reporting the hearings of standing committees of the Senate. The cost of such services to report executive hearings shall be fixed at an equitable rate by the Joint Committee.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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